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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, US, CH, UR  
SUBJECT: TENG COMMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE DURING VISIT  
TO NEPAL

REF: A) KATHMANDU 0746 (NOTAL), B) KATHMANDU 0683

1. DURING FEBRUARY 13 CALL ON FOREIGN SECRETARY BHATT, CHARGE ASKED ABOUT TENG VISIT AND PARTICULARLY ABOUT COMMENTS TENG MAY HAVE MADE RE SINO-US RELATIONS. ON REPORTED TENG STATEMENT, AS RELATED TO AMBASSADOR LAISE BY PRIME MINISTER BISTA THAT U.S. DID NOT SEEM VERY INTERESTED IN IMPROVING RELATIONS, BHATT GAVE ESSENTIALLY SAME INTERPRETATION AS THAT GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO CHINA KHANAL, I.E., THAT TENG HAD REFERRED TO SET-BACK TO SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE BUT THAT HIS COMMENT DID NOT INDICATE MISUNDERSTANDING OF U.S. POLICY (REF A).

2. BHATT ADDED THAT DURING SESSIONS AT WHICH HE WAS PRESENT THERE WERE NO COMMENTS CRITICAL OF SINO-U.S. RELATIONS, AND HE SAID HE HAD CLEAR IMPRESSION FROM WHAT TENG SAID THAT CHINESE WELCOME U.S. PRESENCE IN ASIA AS COUNTERWEIGHT TO SOVIET INFLUENCE.

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3. BHATT SAID TENG TALKED AT LENGTH ON "INEVITABILITY OF WAR" THEME, BUT CONCRETELY ONLY IN CONTEXT OF SOVIET THREAT TO CHINA AND WESTERN EUROPE. TENG ALSO SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT US-SOVIET RELATIONS, MAKING MAJOR POINT THAT SOVIETS, RATHER THAN AMERICANS, WERE THE BENEFICIARIES OF ARMS REDUCTIONS TALKS AND THAT U.S. WAS GIVING IN TOO MUCH TO SOVIETS.

4. BHATT SAID THAT, FROM TENG'S REMARKS ON SOUTH ASIA,  
HE HAD IMPRESSION THAT "EDGE HAD GONE OFF" CHINA'S  
ATTITUDE TOWARDS INDIA, AND THAT CPR PREFERRED  
PRESENT INDIAN GOVERNMENT TO LAST ONE.  
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